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SUBJECT: US POSITION ON DUTY ON RUM

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1. IN KEEPING WITH AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S STATEMENTS,
USG IS GIVING IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION TO OVERALL QUESTION
OF RUM TARIFF IN CONTEXT OF MTN. DURING BILATERAL
CONSULTATIONS IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS, USG TOLD LDC'S
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THAT WE PROBABLY WILL NOT NEGOTIATE RUM IN TROPICAL

PRODUCTS, ALTHOUGH NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.
USG POSITION REGARDING RUM IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP OF
MTN WAS SOLELY IN CONTEXT OF THAT GROUP, AND DOES NOT
IMPLY A SIMILAR POSITION RE RUM IN OTHER MTN FORMS.

INDEED, REFLECTING THE MTN'S CURRENT STATE OF PROGRESS
AND WORK PROGRAM, IT IS PREMATURE TO EXPECT US TO HAVE
DECIDED ON A FINAL MTN POSITION ON RUM OR MOST OTHER
PRODUCTS AT THIS TIME.

2. FYI - RUM TARIFF PROBLEM IS COMPLICATED BY PUERTO
RICO'S RELIANCE ON US EXCISE TAX REVENUES FROM SALES
OF RUM IN US. END FYI KISSINGER

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